Private Sector. However, the Board has authorized officials in certain positions to reduce the processing fee on a discretionary basis irrespective whether the borrowers are employed with large organizations or not.

(f) to (h) As no such practice exists, question of refund of the excess fee does not arise.

Statement

Details from sanctioned and Disbursed

For the Country	For the year 2008 (01.01.08 to 31.12.08)	For the year 2009 (01.01.09 to 31.10.09)
Sanction	10252.93	14025.43
Disbursement	8204.7	10585.55
FOR DELHI ZONE		
Sanction	2432.44	2750.27
Disbursement	2025.74	2292.18

Disinvestment of NTPC

†2045. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds Government proposes to mop up from the capital disinvestment of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

(b) whether there was any absolute requirement of capital disinvestment from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC);

(c) the measures to be taken by Government to resolve the discontent caused by this disinvestment among the NTPC employees; and

(d) the names of the undertakings and amount of capital disinvestment therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No targets to raise funds from disinvestment have been fixed.

(b) The disinvestment in NTPC is in accordance with the disinvestment policy articulated in the President's Speech to Joint Session of Parliament on 4.6.2009 and Finance Minister's Budget Speech on 6.7.2009 requiring the development of people-ownership of Central Public Sector Undertakings to share in their wealth and prosperity, with Government retaining majority shareholding and control.

(c) No discontentment among the employees of NTPC on account of disinvestment has been reported.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Disinvestment of Government shareholding in NTPC Limited (5%) and SJVN Limited (10%) and Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (5%) through Public Offering in domestic market, is under implementation. These Public Offerings are likely to be completed by 31st March 2010.

Exempting customs duty on ship-breaking

2046. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the request of the State Government of Gujarat for reducing customs duty on ship-breaking from 5 per cent to 0 per cent and whether the aforesaid request has been examined as part of the budgetary proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that imposition of customs duty is adversely affecting the industry to compete with neighbouring countries as these countries offered liberal concessions; and

(d) by when the exemption on customs duty would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As a part of the budgetary process for the budget 2009-10, the Union Government re-examined the representation of Government of Gujarat that ship breaking industry in Gujarat was facing stiff competition and decline due to increase in price of ships, liberal duty concessions in neighbouring countries, environmental regulations and internal competition from finished steel and melting scrap. However, it was not found Possible to accede to the request for full exemption.

(d) There is no proposal to grant this exemption under the consideration of Government.

Increase in maximum withdrawal limit from ATM

2047. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the common people in the country are preferring to carry cash during journey;

(b) if so, the details thereof compared to credit card;

(c) the steps being taken to increase the minimum withdrawal from the ATM to atleast Rs. 50,000 per day to carry cash;

(d) the demands received in this regard; and

(e) the comments of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The data base maintained by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate information as requested.